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CLEANING OF RAILWAY STATIONS AND TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have introduced a standardized system of cleaning railway stations and trains;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether most of the railway stations and trains remain dirty inspite of upgrading the cleaning system;

(d) if so, whether any responsibility has been fixed if cleaning system is not found upto the mark;and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) & (b): With a view to improve the standard of cleanliness, Railways have been providing washable aprons(Ballast less track) on platform lines at railway stations with jet cleaning arrangements. A system of mechanized cleaning of trains enroute called `Clean Train Station System` has been developed for certain nominated stations. So far it has been made operational at five stations and is likely to be implemented at other specified stations.

(c) to (e): Cleanliness is a continuous process and all endeavours are made by the Railways to maintain the standard of cleanliness on Indian Railways. Regular checks regarding cleanliness are conducted by the officers/supervisors and corrective action is taken as deemed fit. Suitable action is taken against the staff /contractors who are found wanting in the performance of their duties for maintaining proper cleanliness at railway stations and trains.